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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF SE-5J

VIA FACSIMILE (630) 257-0190, (847) 266-0595, (219) 391-5103, AND U.S. MAIL

Jerry Dewitt
Praxair, Inc.
4520 Kennedy Avenue
East Chicago, Indiana 46312

John Klatt
Calumet Pipeline, LLC
423 Lockard Lane
Highwood, Illinois 60040

Larry Olson
West Shore Pipeline Company
12920 Bell Road
Lemont, Illinois 60439

RE: Calumet Container Site
100 East 136th Street
Hammond, Indiana

Dear Gentlemen:

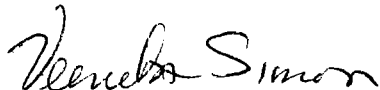
To date, all of you have been gracious about coming to the above-referenced property when we have requested to either provide information about your pipelines or to locate your pipelines. Recently, we cleared trees from this property and noticed a valve coming out of the ground. On October 20, 2005, this valve was identified as belonging to NIPSCO and being part of a 2-inch natural gas line that runs diagonally across the property and across your pipelines. Sometime, during the week of October 24, NIPSCO will disconnect this line from their main in 136th Street.

Given the nature of our pending work, that is excavating near five pipelines, and the potential for miscommunication, we are requesting that by the COB on Tuesday, October 25, you fax to (219) 937-2492, any written protocols you are expecting us to follow. For example, we are assuming that we are in mutual agreement that in the beginning of this project, you or one of your representatives will be present at a safe distance when we begin working near your pipelines. Tentatively, during the week of October 24, we plan to start excavating on the far south side of the property and remove any scrap, such as the 5,000-gallon tanker. To remove the tanker and excavate, we will have to bring in heavy equipment over your pipelines and possibly build a

bridge of crushed stone (Indiana 53) and steel plates over your pipelines . We need to hear from you in writing about any restrictions or limitations on our heavy equipment and bridge. Again, we would like to emphasize that because of the nature of the work, we can discuss issues by telephone, but prompt written follow-up is required.

If you have any questions or want to discuss a matter further, please contact at (312) 886-3601, cell phone (312) 802-1404, or the U.S. EPA 24-hour number, (312) 353-2318.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vernetta Simon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Vernetta Simon
On-Scene Coordinator

cc: Ryan Groves, Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Bruce Everetts, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Ron Novak, Hammond Department of Environmental Management